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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please add the following new claims 31-41:

31. (added) The document type definition of claim 1 further comprising metadata for rights management of said at least two types of digital assets.

32. (added) The document type definition of claim 31 wherein said rights management metadata comprises a contract identifier.

33. (added) The document type definition of claim 31 wherein said rights management metadata comprises an availability start date.

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